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here it may be said that a dozen excellent illustrations are given, all of which are by the "half-tone" process from photographers, — so admirably suited to purely descriptive work. These are good examples of this kind of work, and seem unusually uniform in their clearness of detail and free from the blotches due to imperfections in the photographs.

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